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TELEGRAMS.

TURKEY'S ARMY.

STRIKING PROCLAMATION.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received January 17.
Reuter's Constantinople correspondent states that Enver Bey in a proclamation issued to the army declares that the loss of the most prosperous districts of the Fatherland and the disasters which have befallen the nation are due to the failure of the army to accomplish its duty to the Sultan who is profoundly affected by this and has ordered him to prepare the army with a view to preventing a repetition of these disasters. He states that he will require absolute obedience and incessant effort from the army.

PARISIAN BANK FAILURE.

CONNECTIONS IN CHINA.

London Received January 17.
The Paris Bourse was unsettled yesterday but the announcement that the Societe Auxiliaire de Credit had been compelled to go into liquidation. The deficit is estimated at 1,880,000 sterling. The losses chiefly fall on brokers and small investors, but it is feared that it will react in other quarters. The bank had connections in China.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT OPENED AT OTTAWA.

London, Received January 17.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that the Duke of Connaught opened Parliament. In his speech he referred to the remarkable expansion of Canada's trade but he made no allusion to naval policy. He returned thanks for the universal sympathy extended during the illness of the Duchess.

PRUSSIAN TREASURY BONDS.

TWENTY MILLION ISSUED.

London, Received January 17.
Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that Prussia has issued twenty million sterling four per cent. treasury bonds at 97. In sixteen equal series, one redeemable annually, by drawings, at full value.

LEGION OF HONOUR.

DECORATION FOR MADAME BERNHARDT.

London, Received January 17.
Madame Sarah Bernhardt has been awarded the decoration of the Legion of Honour.

SUBMARINE LOST.

LITTLE HOPE FOR CREW.

London, Received January 17.
Submarine A 7 has been lost off Plymouth. There is little hope of saving the crew.

Admiralty's Silk Order.

Last spring the Admiralty ordered from Macleodfield 80,000 silk squares for the Navy. Messrs. Joseph Small and Sons and Joseph Dunkerley and Co. having the order divided between them.

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

ULTIMATUM TO BUILDERS.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received January 16.
The London Master Builders' Association has issued an ultimatum to the men to take effect on January 24, offering the option of signing individually an undertaking not to strike against the employment of non-unionists, or immediate dismissal. One hundred and fifty thousand men are affected.

There have been twenty such strikes since May last, despite agreements to the contrary.

NAVAL POWER.

LORD HALDANE'S SPEECH.

London, Received January 16.
Lord Haldane, speaking at Hoxton, said that the Government had no intention of weakening the Navy, by departing from the standards publicly proclaimed in Parliament. A reduction in armaments was only possible by co-operation. Experience had shown that if a nation laid down armaments before others a reaction followed.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, the Postmaster-General, speaking at Carlisle, said that the Government adhered to the policy of a 60 per cent. superiority above the next strongest Naval Power.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Sir,—At the last meeting of the Sanitary Board the President answered certain questions relating to the water supply of the Colony put by Dr. Fitzwilliams, but with regard to certain questions which I decided to put upon the same subject he said that he was directed to state that the matters dealt with in my questions did not come within the purview of the Board. The distinction is too fine for me to follow; if I had drawn it myself no doubt it would have been dubbed a legal quibble.

A sufficient supply of pure water is as essential to the Public Health and Sanitation of the Colony as any other matter within the purview of the Sanitary Board. Without such a supply all efforts at Sanitation are wasted and the Sanitary Department might as well be abolished.

Questions dealing with the water supply have been put and answered over and over again at meetings of the Board, and the particular questions which I desired to put arose out of answers given by the President to Dr. Fitzwilliams at the previous meeting.

As the Government will not condescend to give the information asked for, I crave the hospitality of your columns to give my reasons for asking the questions and my guesses at the correct replies.

After our experience of last year, when even the rider main supply was out of and the Chinese residents, who pay the bulk of the taxes, were compelled to join the fight round the standpipes for a daily medium of the necessary liquid, no one will be hardy enough to suggest that our water supply is sufficient, and the report of the Government Bacteriologist in 1911 threw doubt upon its purity and pointed out certain defects.

TELEGRAMS.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

BRITISH COMMITTEE RESIGNS.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received January 16.
The British Olympic Fund Committee has resigned. Only £11,000 has been subscribed of the £100,000 that was wanted.
Canadian Trainer.
The Amateur Athletic Association, to which £3,000 has been assigned, has appointed a Canadian, Mr. Knox, as Olympic trainer for three years at £400 per annum.

RITUAL MURDER.

BRILLIS FOR PALESTINE.

London, Received January 16.

Reuter's correspondent at Kieff states that Bailliss and his family have gone to Jaffa. It is understood that Baron Rothschild has bought him an estate in Palestine.

Dr. Fitzwilliams on the 30th December last enquired what alterations have been carried out as the result of the report of the Bacteriologist, and was told (amongst other things) that a storage reservoir to contain 1,500,000,000 gallons was in course of construction, and that negotiations were pending with the War Department to secure a site for the additional filter beds which are admittedly required to secure proper filtration.

Whenever the question of water supply is brought up before the Board we are referred to this reservoir in course of construction and to these projected filter beds, a summary of the recent history of these works may therefore be interesting.

On 25th October, 1912 the question of the Water Supply was debated in the Legislative Council at considerable length.

Mr. Osborne put the provision of a plentiful water supply second in importance to the efficient protection of life and property, and asked that nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of completing the new reservoir in the shortest possible time, and Mr. Pollock expressed regret that the sum of only \$250,000 was laid down in the estimates for 1912 for the big reservoir. The Director of Public Works in reply to Mr. Pollock said that he would not hesitate to apply to the Council for further sums if necessary, and stated that a contract had been signed two days previously for carrying out the work within five years, but that he trusted that within two years (from the time of speaking) the work would have reached such a stage as to enable the Colony to derive some benefit from it in the way of an increased supply of water. The Director of Public Works' statement that every step would be taken for endeavouring to carry out the work within the contract time was received with applause.

His Excellency assured the Council that they need not fear any delay in the work, and that a half yearly progress return would be furnished to members.

In the revised estimates for 1913 it was shown that a sum of \$1,300,000 only was to be expended on the new reservoir in 1913—a heavy drop from the \$250,000 and possible further sums referred to by the Director of Public Works a year previously.

Mr. Hewitt in speaking on the estimates for 1914 on the 23rd October 1913 said that he and his unofficial colleagues did not feel satisfied that the work could not be pushed on more quickly and urged that no steps should be omitted in pushing forward the completion. He also asked when a dam would be made in collecting water, as the reservoir would take many years to fill.

At the same meeting Mr. Lau Chu-pak referred feelingly to the hardships entailed on the Chinese who had to fight for the daily supply of water in the streets.

The Director of Public Works replied that a deep channel was being cut through a solid mass of rock, and that no work on other portions of the main dam could be undertaken until that was completed, and the stream diverted, and said that when the dam was constructed better progress would be made.

Walking through the valley of the future Reservoir after Christmas I was much disappointed to find that the excavation for the foundations of the main dam had not been commenced, and that work was still confined apparently to cutting a channel for the culvert which will run under a wing of the dam.

TELEGRAMS.

U.S.A. LABOUR AFFAIRS.

STRIKE LEADERS INDICTED.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received January 16.
Reuter's correspondent at Houghton, Michigan, states that Meyer, the labour leader who was driven out of Calumet on Dec. 23, and other officials of the Miners' Federation have been indicted for conspiracy to prevent, by force of arms, the Calumet copper-miners from pursuing their vocations.

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The old stream-bed was still in its original condition except that a coffer-dam was being constructed across it by a few workmen with a single pile-driver: the bed of the reservoir has been cleared of trees, but it still occupied by a village, a number of pigsties (inhabited), and the usual agglomeration of poultry, pigs and puppies.

I must say that I do not relish the idea of drinking the water which will (according to the Director of Public Works' statement in October 1912) be ready for use in October next I would rather wait a little longer after the removal of the pigsties and other amenities of a poor Chinese village.

It is a dangerous thing for a layman to criticise engineering works, but at the risk of being severely snubbed I venture to submit that excavation of the foundations of the central and deepest part of the main dam might have been commenced as soon as the flood waters of October had run off.

The stream across which this dam is to be built is fed principally from two valleys, the drainage of which is held up by the Taitam, Byewash and Intermediate dams and is further diverted by the Taitam eastern catchwater: such water as escapes these works is again checked by a small dam at the junction of the two valleys, whence a small pump lifts the water into Taitam tunnel.

Until Taitam Byewash or the Intermediate Reservoir is over-flowing the amount of water coming down to Taitam must be of limited volume, and I think the overflow usually occurs in August and September only.

During the remaining 10 months of the year the diversion of the Taitam stream would (one imagines) not represent insuperable difficulties to the "extremely capable Engineer in charge of the work" (I quote from His Excellency's speech of 25th October 1912).

The big dam at Kowloon was, I believe, built in the stream bed without diverting the stream, and Taitam and Intermediate dams appear to have been similarly built.

Judging by the present state of affairs there is little prospect that water will be available from

TELEGRAMS.

IF ULSTER RESISTS.

MR. BONAR LAW TO HELP.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received January 16.
Mr. Bonar Law, speaking at Bristol, said he intended, with the help of the Almighty, to support Ulster if she resists.

the Taitam valley in October next, or that the work will be completed within contract time.

I may be perfectly wrong in my deductions, but if I am, is there any reason why the Government should refuse to inform the taxpayers, who have cheerfully voted the supplies and who are literally thirsting for results, whether it is not possible to expedite the work?

To revert for a moment to the additional Service reservoir and filter beds at West Point: these are becoming heavy annuals in the Estimates: large sums are put down every year, but nothing is done.

Negotiations between the Colonial and Military Authorities are not usually remarkable for expedition, but is it too much to ask the Powers that be to expedite the negotiations for the site of Filter Beds, which are of equal importance to the health of the Garrison and to that of the civilian population?

The water in storage for the City and Hill District on the 1st instant was 509 million gallons, the dry-weather flow of the streams is estimated to yield 1,000,000 gallons daily, and the daily consumption with the rider mains working 2 hours a day only is, according to the head of the Sanitary Department 4,000,000 gallons.

If the drought continues (as it very probably will) until the 1st May, there will be only one month's water supply in hand then. If this is the state of affairs after a season of late autumn rains, with Taitam full to the brim on 1st January, and after one month of short commons for the Chinese, what would our position have been if the monsoon rains had ceased, as they sometimes do, in the middle of September?

The Mongkoktsui Refuse is in use and the Railway is working—the improvement of the water supply is the most urgent of our Public Works.

Is it anticipated that the Reservoir will be completed by the 23rd October, 1917?

How many years are likely to elapse before water from the new reservoir will be available?

Is it not possible to expedite the work?—Yours &c.,

F. B. H. BOWLEY.

Hongkong, January 16, 1914.

Iron Box Discharged.

In the Police Court, yesterday Iron Box who was defended by Mr. Gardiner on a charge of being in unlawful possession of a shirt, was discharged by Mr. Hazeland.

Auditors.

The Government Gazette notifies that Under Section 16 of the Companies Amendment Ordinance, 1913, in addition to those already notified the following persons have made application to be appointed auditors for the purposes of the Companies Ordinance, 1911 and 1913, and that they are qualified to perform the duties required by the said Ordinances to be performed by an auditor:—Frederick Charles Butcher, Swatow. Henry William Goodenough Hayter, Shanghai.

TELEGRAMS.

DUBLIN ELECTIONS.

LARKINITES VICTORIOUS.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Received January 16.
There were eight Larkinite candidates in the Dublin municipal elections, of whom two were successful.

HOME FOOTBALL.

Results of Holiday Matches.

Following are the results of the Christmas matches at Home:—
December 25
First Division.

Blackburn Rovers 5, Preston North End 0.
Burnley 0, Sunderland 1.
Chelsea 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1.

Derby County 0, Aston Villa 2.
Liverpool 4, Manchester City 2.
Manchester U. 0, Everton 1.
Newcastle U. 0, Bradford City 0.
Oldham Athletic 2, West Bromwich Albion 0.
Sheffield U. 3, Middlesbrough 1.

Second Division:
Birmingham 6, Glossop 0.
Bradford 2, Woolwich Arsenal 3.
Bury 4, Barnsley 0.
Clapton Orient 5, Bristol City 2.
Grimsby Town 2, Stockport County 0.

Huddersfield 0, Hull City 3.
Leeds City 2, Fulham 1.
Liverpool 3, Blackpool 1.
Notts County 2, Notts Forest 2.

Southern League:
Brighton and Hove Albion 0, Reading 2.

Bristol Rover 5, Swindon 2.
Coventry City 0, Northampton 1.
Cardiff City 1, Merthyr Town 1.
Millwall 4, Plymouth Argyle 0.
Portsmouth 2, Southampton 0.
Queen's Park Rangers 1, Norwich City 1.

Southend U. 3, Crystal Palace 3.
Watford 0, Gillingham 2.
West Ham U. 1, Exeter City 1.

December 27.
First Division.

Aston Villa 0, Bradford City 1.
Manchester U. 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1.
Oldham Athletic 2, Bolton Wanderers 0.
Preston North End 1, Everton 0.
Liverpool 3, Blackburn Rovers 3.
Burnley 0, West Bromwich Albion 0.
Middlesbrough 2, Manchester City 0.

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Tottenham Hotspur 1, Chelsea 2.

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Southend United 1, Watford 0.

Millwall 1, Reading 0.
Queen's Park Rangers 0, Gillingham 0.

The home team is mentioned first in each instance.

RECENT FIRE.

Origin of the Cochrane Street Outbreak.

The premises of 16 Cochrane Street where a fire occurred, on Thursday last have been released by the magistrate; no fire enquiry will be held. The origin of the fire appears to have been in a cookhouse where grease was being boiled for the manufacture of candles. A spark fell in the boiling liquid which took fire and filled the place with flame.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

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NEWS.

1889 appears on page 4 of this issue.

Notes on this morning's training gallops appear in this issue.

The annual prize-giving at the Belliss Public School took place to-day.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby's weekly share report appears on page 9 to-day.

Log book appears on pages 6 and 7 to-day and "our contemporaries" on page 2.

General news and a letter dealing with "The Idol's Eye" appear on page 3 to-day.

The annual ball of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders took place at the City Hall last evening.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Bijou Scenic Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Victoria Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Monday January 19.
Queen's College Prize distribution—noon.

Organ Recital St. John's Cathedral.—5.30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 20.

H. K. Missionary Association Meeting.
Wednesday January 21.

H. K. S. B. R. A. Sports—3.30 p.m.
Friday January 23.

Volunteer Ball.
Monday January 26.

Chinese New Year.
Wednesday January 28.

H. K. Land Reclamation Co. Ltd. meeting, 11.30 a.m.
The West Point Building Co. Ltd. general meeting.—11.45.

H. K. Land Investment and Agency Co. Ltd. general meeting—noon.
H. K. Hotel Co. Ltd. extraordinary general meeting.—12.30 p.m.

Saturday February 7.
Philharmonic Society a Concert 9.15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10.
Organ Recital St. John's Cathedral.—5.30 p.m.
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., general meeting—noon.

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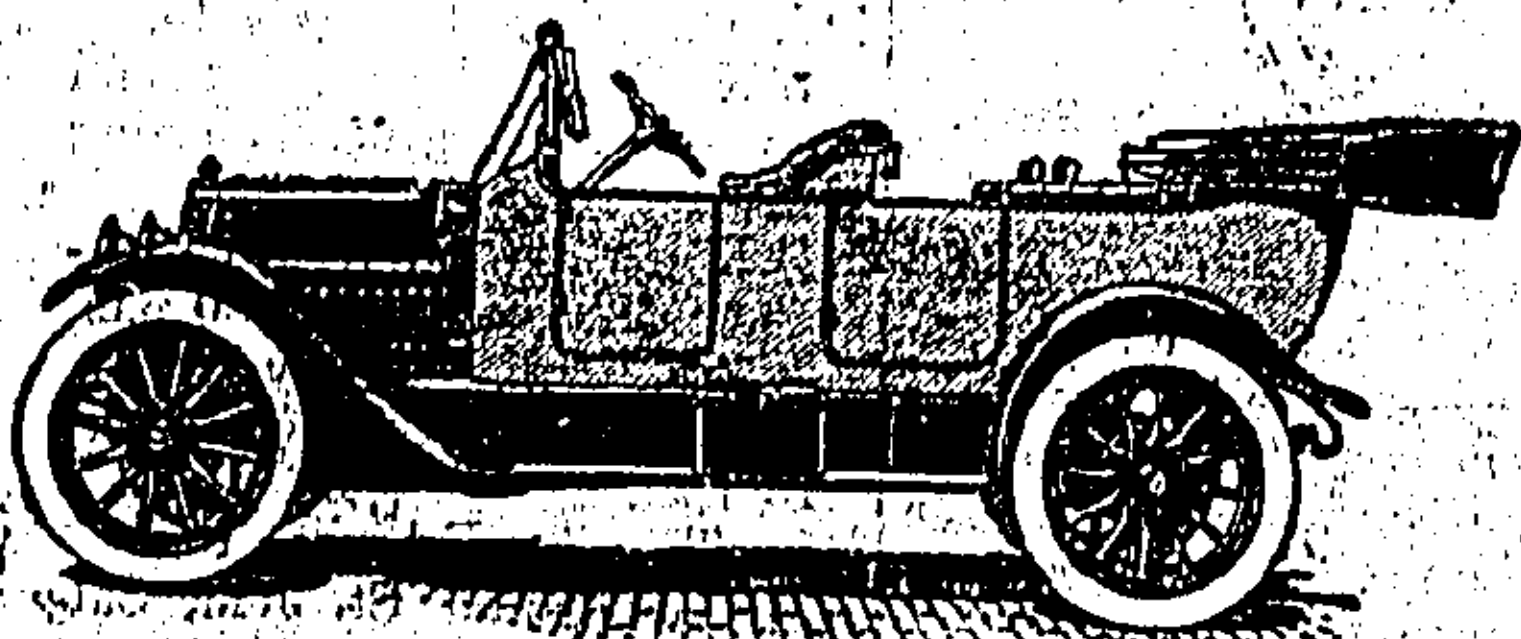
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Strike in South Africa.

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to-day's telegrams that there are
indications throughout South
Africa that the strike will speedily
collapse, but there are
evidently many other indications
that the seeds of chronic labour
unrest have been sown in South
Africa. In the past, labour
difficulties in South Africa have
been with the natives, and related
mainly to the scarcity of the
supply. Trouble with the white
labourers is a new development
which may be said to have
started in May last at Johannes-
burg, when it will be remember-
ed, there was much rioting and
some bloodshed, arising out of a
refusal of a mine manager
to meet representatives of
the Miners' Trade Union.
It led to the appointment of
a Commission of Judges, who in
their report strongly favoured the
contentions of the men that they
should be free to select as their
spokesmen representatives who
were not in the Company's
service on the ground that if the
spokesmen have always to be
on their guard against offending
their employers, their liberty as
the advocates of the men's cause
is hampered and their value as
representatives considerably less-
ened.

South China Morning Post.

Labour Indiscipline.

One of the most remarkable
features of recent labour troubles
is the growing disinclination of
the men to follow the advice of
their leaders or to bow to the
decision of the unions in deter-
mining terms of settlement. In
this respect the Dublin strike
should have been a liberal educa-
tion to the labour world, and,
supplemented as it was, by the
dismal failure of indiscipline in
South Wales, should have convinced
the men that nothing can be
gained by warring on themselves
and on their leaders. Trades
Unionism was once famous for
its cohesiveness and solidarity and
it is far from being a trivial
matter that there should be spread-
ing through the ranks a spirit of
intractability and indiscipline.
Indeed it requires but little con-
sideration to see that trade union
indiscipline is a twoedged weapon
whose employment must even-
tually, be fatal to trade unionism
itself. But when there is dissen-
sion also between the leaders
themselves, the outlook is well-
high hopeless.

China Mail.

Elements of Design.

Because of this limitation in
length the warship designer is
obliged to increase the beam of
the ship in order to limit the
draught. The great Atlantic
ships are required to enter only
such ports as New York, Liver-
pool, and Southampton, where
depths of water are available to
permit ship draught of 35 ft. to
38 ft. The depth to which war-
ships are immersed must be limited,
so that that they can enter
a great variety of harbours and
fight in waters where the depth
is not great. Thus it comes that
warships have a proportion of
length to beam of about 7 to 1,
as compared with 9.3 to 1 in the
case of Atlantic merchantmen.
Greater precaution requires to be
exercised in order to reduce in
every conceivable way the weight
put into the ship.

Flying Week.

Katherine Duchess of West-
minster has been giving a series
of festivities at Combarne
Abbey, Cheshire, in connection
with Combarne flying week.

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Carte or Table d'Hôte with
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GENERAL NEWS.

Ascot Street Lighting.

Ascot racecourse authorities have decided to carry out the street lighting at Ascot, and the whole of the expense will be defrayed from the race fund.

Taste for Luxury.

Enjoying the luxury of Ingle nook, a riverside house at Wargrave, near Reading a burglar spent several nights in the house and slept in three of the beds.

Week-Ends in Gaol.

Week-ends in prison as a form of punishment were advocated by Mrs. Walter Runciman, wife of the President of the Board of Agriculture, in a lecture at Nottingham Hill High School on "The Treatment of Young Criminals."

In His Father's Footsteps.

The Prime Minister has promised to address a meeting at Derby in the New Year, probably at the end of January, on behalf of his son, Mr. Raymond Asquith, who is the prospective Liberal candidate for the borough.

Peer to Raise Farm Wages.

Mr. George Herbert, speaking at Wilton, Wiltshire, said his brother, Lord Pembroke, who owns 60,000 acres of land in the county, had decided to do all in his power to raise considerably the wages of the agricultural workers all round.

Oldest Medical Officer.

After fifty-two years' service as medical officer to the Dudley (Worcestershire) Workhouse, Dr. T. F. Higgin, who is over eighty years of age and is said to be the oldest medical officer in the country, has tendered his resignation to the board of guardians.

Bucks Stationmaster's Death.

Shortly after leaving Marylebone Station in a train for Amersham (Bucks) Mr. Henry C. Bradenell, the stationmaster at Amersham, became ill and died before the train reached Northwood, a few miles from London. Mr. Bradenell had had to hurry to catch the train. The cause of death was heart failure.

Woman Cashier Robbed.

Miss Sutton, the cashier of Messrs. Thomas Brawn and Co., metal workers, of Clement-street, Birmingham, had just reached the door of the works recently carrying a leather bag containing £42, the week's wages, when two men sprang upon her. One pushed against her while the other snatched away the bag and both escaped down a side street.

Sir Robert Wilnot's Dogs.

Sir Robert Wilnot, of Binfield Grove, summoned at Wokingham for keeping six dogs without licences, was fined 25s. and 7s. 6d. costs in respect of each and was ordered to take out licences. Superintendent Goddard said that in 1911 Sir Robert was fined 25s. and 23s. costs for keeping several dogs without licences, and in 1906 he was fined 22 10s. for keeping five dogs without licences.

Bribery Offer.

For offering a bribe to a youth employed at the Hanchwood Colliery, Nuneaton (Warwickshire), Thorley Plesner, a Birmingham timber merchant, was fined 250 and costs at Nuneaton the other week. There was a shortage in a consignment of timber, and Plesner, as the youth was measuring the wood, told him if he would add half an inch to his measurements a post order would follow.

A Considerate Departure.

The Times obituary announces the death of Mr. Ludwig Huttenbach, who desired that the notice should only be published after his cremation, "as friends might be inconvenienced by attending my funeral, while they doing so would not do me any good." Not many men are so considerate; but Dr. Harvard Turner, of Olifton, who died some half-dozen years ago, was even more considerate. He stipulated that no person mentioned in his will should attend his funeral, "under pain of forfeiture of his interest."

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.

"THE IDOL'S EYE."

Sir,—I must say I was surprised to read "Fairplay's" letter objecting to the title and the monastic scene in Lieut. Croese's musical comedy "The Idol's Eye." I was also, I must say, rather surprised that you should publish such trash in your excellent paper. Not only are monasteries and convent scenes quite common in all sorts of plays, but even scenes in churches and cathedrals. A cultured race like the Chinese are no more touchy about such matters than we are, and at any rate Mr. Croese has been in the Colony a very long time and knows the Chinese thoroughly and may be quite well trusted to observe the conventions of good taste without any interference from narrow-minded busybodies of the "Fairplay" type.

Mr. Canon Woodville's "Romance of India" is quite another kettle of fish. The objections to its production in its original form were political and not moral and came moreover from the India office and not the Lord Chamberlain. One can quite understand that at the present time it is undesirable to stir up memories of the "Black Hole of Calcutta" and such like.

As a performer, I have of course been privileged to see Mr. Croese's play and can vouch for it as a thing of pure delight and joy from beginning to end and contains not the hint of anything that could cause plain to anybody.

It is in fact a treat for which Hongkong playgoers, Chinese as well as Europeans, should be truly grateful. I think it is very rough luck on Mr. Croese (knowing how hard he is working at what, after all, is always rather a thankless task) that he should be subjected to foolish disparagement by fanatics—especially as the whole show is for most worthy objects. I hope we shall hear nothing more of Mr. "Fairplay," and that is my sole excuse for rushing into print. With due apologies, I am yours etc.

A FAIR PLAYER.

Hongkong, January 16, 1914.

King Edward's Gateway.

The King has signified his wish that the entrance to the new pathway to the river from Thames-street, Windsor, shall be called King Edward VII. Gateway.

SHORT SERMON.

The Church, the Home and the Nation.

There are some virtues, as Dean Church contended in his book on "The Gifts of Civilization," which the church has always emphasized and which have become the safeguard of modern society. There were, for example, the virtues that belong to truth—genuineness, reality, sincerity; and the virtues that belong to manliness—the capacity for work and for liberty, the great self-commanding power of moral courage, and the virtues that relate to law—the respect for institutions, the reverence for authority and the jealousy for justice, and then, supremely, there were the virtues that belong to personal purity—the pride, the dignity, the elevation of our family life, which have consecrated the idea and fact of home among the Teutonic peoples as the great possession, the great great delight, the great social achievement of our race.

These virtues have no influence in history adequate to account for them, except the Christian faith and the Christian church, which went forth as a high imperial power into the wilderness of the people and lifted the whole of human life into a region of spiritual and eternal values never known nor dreamed of before.

Even the most unfriendly critic of the medieval church is compelled to admit that it was her organized and persistent warfare, through those thousand years of conflict against abnormal passion and vicious customs and opinions—that handed on the home—battling against concubinage and the divorce evil of the ancient world and driving prostitution, which cultured Greece elevated to the dignity of a religious ceremony, into concealment and shame.

Marriage is the fundamental social relation. The family is the structural cell of the social organism. It is society in miniature. It is the foundation of morality—the chief educational institution—and, as it has been said, "the source of nearly all the real contentment among men."

To create happy families and plenty of them is the highest end of statesmanship and the real justification of human government. When the family fails and the home declines, the nation and the race are doomed to perish.

The duty of the church is clear; and the need of the church is clear.

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A Doubtful Character.

By B. Reynolds.

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THE FINANCIAL TANGLE

The President of the Chinese Republic is a most prolific writer of official Man letters. Judging from the Northern papers, he must at present be producing more than one a day—and that, merely taking account of those dealing with important questions. Nor is the fact without significance that within the last few months quite a number of these documents have had to do with the vital question of finance. Particularly have they dwelt upon the obligations of the Provinces to the Central Government in this respect, and one cannot fail to notice the underlying tone of anxiety expressed, nor the pointed manner in which the Provincial authorities have been chided for failing to discharge those obligations.

By establishing the National Taxation Bureau and by abolishing unnecessary departments, the Government has been doing its utmost to increase the provincial receipts, but there has not been that response which the Central Authority has a right to expect. We read that telegram after telegram has been sent to the various Provinces ordering them to aid the Government financially, but that, with the exception of Shantung, Kiangsi, Chekiang and Shansi, none has remitted funds, while some have even requested assistance from Peking. It is not a case of inability to raise funds; rather is it a matter of a failure to make the most of the available money. The territories of the Republic are extensive and its products are as varied as they are rich. Hence if the collection of taxes was based on equity and every cent of the proceeds used for its proper purpose, there need be no fear that the revenue of the State would be exhausted. The trouble is, as the President has pointed out in one of his most recent Mandates, that the revenues of the Provinces are either retained by the local authorities, or find their way into the pockets of the officials entrusted with the duties of collection. "Thus," says the President, "the blood and labour of the good are sucked for private greed, and the foundation of the State is rendered most unsafe."

It will be generally agreed that the future of the Republic depends, in the last resort, on its financial stability, which can only be guaranteed by unceasing co-operation between the Provinces and Peking. For a Province to refuse its obligations to the Central Government is only to commit a suicidal act. The Provinces cannot be strong while the mainspring of authority—the Central Administration—is weak. That is a point which the defaulting Provinces would do well to ponder over. May be when they realise its full import, they will be brought to their senses.

DAY BY DAY.

HAPPINESS IS PERFECTLY HOLLOWS UNLESS THERE IS A MEANING BEHIND IT, UNLESS IT TELLS OF INTENTION SOMEWHERE. UNLESS IT MEANS LOVE. "EAT AND DRINK AND BE MERRY" IS NOT THE END OF IT ALL.—Brooks.

The Mails.

American, Canadian and Siberian Mails.—Left per s.s. Tenyo Maru, to-day.

English Mail.—Left per s.s. Egypt to-day.

The English Mail of the December 20 was delivered in London on January 16.

Hawker's Loss.

A hawkor, at No. 17 Lyndhurst Terrace has had clothing stolen from his house to the value of \$70.

Stolen Watch.

Mrs. Tillery living at Patell Villas, Kowloon has been robbed of a watch chain and pendant and \$420.

Hongkong Christian Union.

The Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell will conduct the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next at 5.30 p.m.

Bishop of Victoria.

The Bishop of Victoria will to-morrow preach at all Saints Church (Chinese) Yau-mat at 11 a.m. and at St. John's Cathedral at 5.45 p.m.

Leaving To-day.

The T. E. S. Robson, assistant manager at Taikoo Dockyard, leaves for Home to-day on the s.s. Tenyo Maru after four years stay in Hongkong.

[Pearl Scarf Pin Stolen.

Mr. Polincoski a merchant, living at the Astor House Hotel, has reported to the police the theft of a pearl scarf pin, valued at \$600, from his room.

\$1,000 Bail.

At the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese was charged with being in unlawful possession of a quantity of opium at Kowloon. The hearing was adjourned, bail at \$1,000 being allowed.

Annual Cash Sale.

Messrs. William Powell have a full-page advertisement in this issue which announces the annual cash sale which commences on Monday and lasts for four days. Exceptional bargains are on offer and this opportunity should not be missed.

New Advertisements.

An advertisement regarding "The Idol's Eye" appears on page 5 to-day.

An advertisement announcing the loss of a diamond brooch appears on page 5.

A consignment notice respecting the Aconam appears in this issue on page 5.

Alleged Larceny.

At the Police Court, this morning, Mr. Wool remanded a case in which a Chinese was charged with larceny by bail of printing machinery valued at \$5,000, the property of Hu Shiu-shun. Mr. C. F. Mason, of Messrs. J. Alameda and Mason, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Norrington (Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton) appeared for the defendant.

Discharged.

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, defended two Chinese, a man and a woman who were charged with being in unlawful possession of opium before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning and got them discharged. This was the case in which Mr. Lewis argued a few days ago that the woman, being the wife of the man, was under his control.

1889.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the Week Ending January 11, 1889.

Sulphur-and-Brimstone.

January 11.—"Whenever we write about Macao affairs we feel as if we were actually making a descent into bottomless 'sheol.' The shady traditions of that unique Colony in the Far East, the modern scandals, Governmental and social, which have taken place there are so redolent of sulphur-and-brimstone that we have to uncork our scent bottle whenever we approach them.

[The Macao Independent—"a hiring organ"—had taken exception to some remarks made by the editor and had to be put in its place.]

Not what he Wanted.

January 12.—"A lunkong went to hunt up a witness yesterday, and when he found him the man wanted the Governor and a guard of honour to escort him to the station. In their absence he hit the lunkong. He was fined \$6 this morning."

Capital Shooting.

January 15.—"The Ewo shooting party, led by our well-known local 'sport,' the Hon. J. Bell-Irving, would appear to have had a grand time during their annual trip up country. Their bag totaled thirteen hundred head, which must have afforded capital shooting. They report game to be abundant this season."

Death During Sham Fight.

January 17.—"Yesterday afternoon a sham fight took place at the Peak. During the operations a fatal incident occurred—doubtless, being almost the first loss the Highland Regiment has sustained since its arrival. The right wing was under the command of Major Prevost and Lieut. Douglas, and their duty was to scale High West Hill by a steep, almost inaccessible, route. About half way up Major Prevost, who was at the head of the small column, and who had been noticed to be labouring hard, fell on his knees and then rolled backward. He was picked up... but he died before medical assistance could arrive." Death was due to heart-disease.

1889.

SHARE REPORT.

The quotations which follow are from the Hongkong Telegraph for January 17, 1889.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—1800 per cent. premium, sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton.—\$90 per share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company.—\$75 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance.—The 290 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Ltd.—\$97 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.—\$340 per share buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company.—\$79 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.—\$76 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company.—\$220 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steamship Company.—\$164 per share, sales.

Hongkong Gas Company.—\$135 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company.—\$170 per share, nominal.

Indo-China S.N. Company.—20 per cent. dis., sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company.—\$63 per share, buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Ltd.—\$194 per share, sellers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Ltd.—\$83 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company.—\$101 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rops Manufacturing Company, Ltd.—\$91 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.—776 per cent. premium, buyers.

ICE IN HONGKON.

Recollections of a Record Cold Snap.

The weather in Hongkong, just twenty years ago to a day, was very different from the genial weather which prevails at present. There was a sharp fall of the thermometer, ice in plenty, and even snow. The quotations which follow are from the local papers at the time and show how severe was the cold snap.

The fall of the thermometer last night broke the record getting down to 27 degrees at the Peak, in the coldest situations, whilst in other places it varied all the way up to 32. The oldest inhabitant has broken loose with yarns about previous winters, but cannot find anything to beat this. Snow was seen on the hill-tops across the water, and several gentlemen with vivid imaginations have assured us that it was snowing in Hongkong last night and the morning. Ice was in abundance all over, and during the night there were several alarms of bursting water-pipes. The Observatory notice prudently omits to state how the thermometer is to-day, but Dr. Dobson's 'register' puts it at 33 in the morning (10 o'clock) and 35 in the afternoon (4 o'clock).

"A correspondent writes:—

The thermometer registered 29 1/2 at one house at the Peak last night; and this morning at 9.45 the fire-trees, bamboos, and grass were coated with ice, spike by spike, leaf by leaf and stalk, and rain froze on umbrellas and maskintoshes as one walked.

Several umbrellas were frozen so stiff that attempts to shut them resulted in breakages. As seen in another part of the issue, Macao has experienced the unheard-of phenomenon of a snowstorm.

Snowstorm in Macao.

Macao, January 18, 11.33 a.m.

"It is snowing heavily here and freezing. The glass registers 32."

January 18, 1893.—"During the last twenty four hours no abatement in the unprecedented severity of the cold has taken place; if there is any change it is quite the other way. Ice is still more plentiful on the trees and houses up the hill; the tennis courts are frozen over, the rain of last night turning into ice as it fell, the telegraph and telephone wires are heavily bespangled with glittering icicles, in some places so thick as to break the wires. At the Peak the effects of the frost are beautiful in the extreme, every leaf and branch covered with jewels of pure ice, the black tree stems frosted all over in fairy-like designs, whole trees encased in sparkling crystal.

"A report was circulated in town to-day that Pokfulam reservoir was completely frozen over three quarters of an inch thick; but it is difficult to believe. As there has never been such a frost in the Colony before (not even in Pampuna) and as, consequently, there are no skates, several credulous enthusiasts have been trying to improvise substitutes, and there may yet be chance to win a Billy-jess medal for saving life.

"The Douglas steamer Formosa arrived this morning and reports that during her stay in Swatow the thermometer registered 31 1/2 deg. There was plenty of ice both on deck and aloft. Wind north west. The P. & O. steamer Mirzapore, which arrived this morning from Shanghai, met with a genuine snowstorm less than twelve hours out from Hongkong. The Kowshing came in this afternoon with a perfectly Arctic report, as may be seen in our shipping columns.

"A Canton correspondent writes under yesterday's date:—Such weather as was experienced in and about Canton last night has not previously been witnessed by the oldest European inhabitant. We have had hail squalls, with a biting north east wind, and the thermometer fell to 28 deg. At daylight this morning the whole country round was covered with ice. The Chinese say that have not had such severe weather for over fifty years, that is before the English came to Canton.

Unfortunately there is not any reliable record now at the Peak Observatory, nor at Gap Road, and the Kowloon Observatory is out Sunday while the wind was

THE "TELEGRAPH'S" ACROSTIC.

PILLARS.

Off towards the Southern Cross.—We're left a Yarrowburgh by their loss.

BARS.

1.—No sign of life he gives. At glance safely here we judge a trance.

2.—The animals walk in two by two. Noah would love such a wondrous Zoo.

3.—A tempest's brewing there's no doubt. Rain of course would be kept out.

4.—It may be a cross or a part of a square.—It's rather old fashioned now by it to wear.

5.—Man does not lend himself to help the charm. And so we cannot guarantee him free from harm.

(Answer on Monday.)

too sheltered to give a fair criterion. There should be some wonder at statistics obtainable just now.

"Special Telegram from the Office Goat, Castle Peak, 17th, Jan. 5 p.m."

"To the editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.—Blossoming idiot you were to send me up here on your special blossoming mission. Ain't no snow at all. Journalistic enterprise be blowed. Catch me coming here again. It is all ice here and as cold as charity. Shan't wait to interview Jack Frost or anybody else. Gradients steep for N.E. Winds.

"The coldest weather ever known in Swatow was experienced on Monday last. Nothing approaching such extreme cold had been felt since foreigners first settled in the place. Yesterday morning everything that was wet had a covering of ice. Times change and apparently so do the seasons according to our experiences.

In addition to the number of deaths which no doubt must be caused among the most destitute of the Chinese during this time of unprecedented cold, there is no little danger of mortality from efforts to keep up the temperature. Two Chinese were found dead in a small cargo boat last night at Kowloon, suffocated by the fumes of a charcoal stove in their cabin.

We applied to the Kowloon Observatory for information on the matter yesterday, and we are very courteously informed that there was no record of snow having fallen in the year 1893, but it was believed it did snow when the temperature was 32 on January 18. On the 16th, it was raining at Kowloon and there would probably be snow on the Peak, on the 18th.

"Ice at the Peak."

"For the last two days we have been experiencing a spell of cold weather which is agreed to be unprecedented in the history of the Colony. It was a novel experience to the majority of the residents to be confronted by the white-capped hills on the mainland, to find the thermometer registering a low reading, and to find all around a wintry aspect which suggested sarcastic thoughts of a tropical climate. Cold enough as it was in the lower portions of the Colony and amongst the residences on the hillside, the full severity of this unusual visitation was only realised by the Peak residents, and the cold is felt all the more from the fact that it has come so unexpectedly. The register for the last week gave the thermometer readings at the Kowloon Observatory as follows:—

Lowest Highest

Monday 9th Jan. 59 72

Tuesday 10th 59 74

Wednesday 11th 60 83

Thursday 12th 61 83

Friday 13th 59 82

Saturday 14th 50 52

"Overnight at Mount Kellett on Saturday evening the thermometer fell to 33, and during Sunday afternoon ice was formed, the thermometer dropping to 30 by seven o'clock. During last night or this morning the thermometer had fallen pretty steadily through

out Sunday while the wind was

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(From a Special Correspondent.)

Hong Hau, Camp, Friday.

In my note of yesterday I omitted to mention that the 10 pounder Section had been firing with time fused percussion shrapnel. This morning they repeated this, firing at trenches and dummy figures at from 2,500 to 2,800 yards range. The gun drill was much better than that of yesterday and the crews of both guns were complimented by Lieut. Col. Kelly and Capt. Marston R. G. A. The shooting was very accurate, the fuses being splendidly timed, as was shown by the lifting of some of the targets out of the trenches by the shrapnel. Great praise is due to Capt. Scott for the admirable manner in which he handled his men.

There will be further practice to-morrow and the men are looking forward to repeating their splendid work of to-day.

The Engineers and Howitzer Companies repeated their work of yesterday at Devil's Peak this afternoon. Both in the forenoon and afternoon the Maxim Gun Sections did some hard work carrying their guns up the hills in the vicinity and carrying out firing practice with ball ammunition. There are no further casualties to report.

All are looking forward to Sunday's field day with the Reserves and hope to have a good day then.

piercingly cold and few people were abroad, the churches being sparsely attended. All over the Peak district the verandahs of the houses, the tennis Courts and a portion of the roads are covered with ice, heavy icicles are hanging from the eaves of the houses and in a few cases the water pipes are frozen up. The sleet which has been drifted up at various points on the roads to a depth of over half an inch and as the pedestrians tramp along he produces the crunching noise which reminds him of snow. There is indeed no snow yet, but the frost has fixed upon tree, shrub and grass, and as it glitters in the light gives all the appearance of a snow-covered landscape. It is probably this which has made the hills on the mainland so white. At Canton and Macao, however, there has been a heavy snowfall, at the former place snow has fallen to a depth of five inches, while at Macao it is two inches deep; and the people of these two places must be in a miserable plight.

"Throughout the day Peak residents have been bringing down large pieces of ice to show their friends below that the stories told of the state of waters up above are not exaggerated. The roads were so slippery that most of the residents who walk down to business by the Peak Road either took the tram-car or went round by Magazine Gap. Those who preferred this alternative felt a decided change in the temperature at the gap, but so low down as Queen's Gardens—about 500 feet above sea level—a substantial icicles had formed. We are sorry that the novel experience has not been got over without mishap. It sounds odd to have to chronicle an ice accident in Hongkong, but we understand that Mr. Beart, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was unfortunate enough to sustain a rather serious injury to his jaw this morning. While coming down the steps of his house at Mount Kellett he slipped on the ice and falling heavily against the balustrade on the steps, cut his face badly and injured his jaw.

"A Peak resident writes:—I think you will be interested to hear what very frosty weather we are having at the Peak. I have never seen anything like it during all my residence in the South of China. The wind was freezingly cold yesterday afternoon and in several places the grass was encrusted with ice—the frozen rain hardening on the blades—while some bamboo plants their twigs and leaves were of ice.

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TRAINING NOTES

Last Gallop Before Entries Close.

There was a very good attendance at the Racecourse this morning to witness the final gallops before the close of the entries for the events at the forthcoming meeting. Noticeable amongst those present were His Excellency the Governor and Lady and Miss May, Captain Connolly Mr. and Mrs. Landale, Messrs H. P. White, T. F. Hough, Sir Paul Chater, Messrs Ellis Kadorie, Maitland, and Gegg, the latter looking very well in spite of his recent illness. Despite the fact that the morning opened nice and bright, and the weather was in favour of good galloping generally, the ponies were slow to commence work, although Oxford did put in an appearance whilst it was dark and entered Sweet Pea was the first to come under notice and covered a mile with charming ease in 2:13.2-5, negotiating the last quarter in 32. One of the outstanding features of the morning was the remarkably game display of Mr. Sorres Volini. He was at least seventy yards at the rear of Flying Kangaroo and another couple of John Peel's ponies, the brown and the skewbald, when the clockers called out "ching." The first bunch travelled fast for the first two quarters and it appeared out of the question that Volini would ever enter into a final dash with them for the last two furlongs, but those who held that idea had to admit they were mistaken, because as the village bend it was obvious that Volini was making a rapid over-haul. Into the straight the trio still had the advantage, but cutting the bend nicely the boy let Volini out, and at the distance post he forged his way to the front of the bunch and travelling in delightful style to won by two lengths in the good time of 2:18.3-5; the last quarter being covered in 32.2-5. The connections were well pleased with the performance and well they might. President covered the last mile of a mile and quarter gallop in 2:22, whilst Vice-President (Twenty), did a mile and a half 3:25, last quarter 31. Donad Dhu went well over a mile, finishing in 2:50. Sir Paul Chater's chestnut Derby pony did a mile and a quarter in 2:55 1/4; last quarter 31 2/5. Triff stretched himself out in his usual good natured style, in a mile and a half gallop, and in covering the distance in 3:33 traversed the final quarter in 29.4-5. Sir Paul Chater's grey and pinto griffins went in company, for a mile and put up the meritorious time of 2:16 3/5, doing the last quarter in 31.3-5. Then Fijian Chief came out and was sent over a mile. His movement was not so free and easy as it was last year; he took 2:28.2-5 to wire off the eight furlongs and did not care to finish the last quarter in less than 32. Sir Paul Chater's bay Derby pony was about the last to perform and was dispatched over a mile and a quarter. He ran in delightful springy fashion and finished beautifully in 31, without pressure, taking three minutes dead for the full journey. This is a pony worth keeping in mind; his style is good and his heart is in the right place.

The following times were recorded:

Defford, Cantered, moving well.
Seal, Had healthy exercise.
Sweet Pea, 2-13.3-5, 1 q. 32.
Mr. Clarke's sub, 40, 1-15, 1-51, 2-25.4-5, 2-59.4-5.
Mr. Landale's Bay sub, 30, 1-11, 1-40, 2-21.
Mr. Landale's Brown sub, 30, 8-11, 1-40, 2-21.
Mr. Stabbs sub, —, 30, 1-11.3-5, 1-40.
Polkalini, 38, 1-15, 1-52, 2-28.2-5, 2-57.3-5, 1 q. 31.1-5.
Mr. Hough's sub, —, 37, 1-15.3-5, 1-52; finished beaten.
Flock, 37, 1-13.3-5, 1-47.3-5, 2-18.2-5, 1 q. 30.4-5.
Wayfong, Mess, Black, —, 34, 1-07.1 q. 33.
Royal Rose, —, 2-10.1-5, 1 q. 32.3-5.
Dr. Fitzwilliams sub, 30, 1-10.3-5, 1-44.
Mr. Stabbs's N. O., 30, 1-10.2-5, 1-44.
Donald Dhu, 33, 1-4.1-2, 1-42, 2-17.1-2, 2-50.
President, —, 39.1-5, 1-10, —, 2-22.

ICE IN HONGKONG.

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the same crystal covering and little drops of ice being at the points of the leaves etc; but after the cold night it was not merely here and there that the effects of frost could be seen.

"I found some ice in two tubs and the edge of the water butt was hardened with the same substance and the top was choked with a small icicle. The wires of the tennis netting were iced over, the edges of some flower pots the same; each leaf of some of plants was glazed over and stiff; the twigs of the fir trees were beautiful with the same icy coating, and, as the wind blew, they cracked with every motion.

"The steps in some places and paths also, were slippery and the side of the house most exposed to the keen North wind was covered with a sheet of thin ice. I walked round Mount Kellett in the early morning before breakfast to enjoy the unwelcome sight, and it was a new sensation for an old China resident to hear the crystals of ice crunching under one's feet in long bits of the road. These crystals were about half an inch in height at times and standing erect on the road. The sides of Mount Kellett are whitened with the slight frosting of the grass, and it reminds one of the hoar frost of England to see the whitened look of the path in front of the house.

"It was very strange to see how the pigeons slipped on the roof—not being able to keep their foothold and using both feet and wings to try and walk. Some of the Peakites had a very amusing experience coming down town this morning, walking at one time through the crackling ice, then nearly slipping on its surface where it was in thin sheets on the surface of the road. It was so slippery that we had to turn back and walk down by Magazine Gap Road instead of going to the tram station; while two of our number gave up the attempt and went home again. Though Magazine Gap Road proved a better route, yet we had a cold and wet walk. The rain turned into ice on my waterproof leggings and stick, while my umbrella had a skin of ice formed over the silk, about the thickness of an envelope, and icicles at the ends of the ribs. It was a pretty sight to look up the hillsides and see the silvery frosting on the fire. This extended as far down as Bowen Road, if not in fact a little further."

Mr. Goetz's sub, 44, 1-22, 2-01, 2-37.2-5, 3-09.
Vice President, —, 3-25, 1 q. 31.
Sir Paul's Chestnut Derby, 30, 1-14.2-5, 1-49.2-5, 2-24.2-5, 2-55.1-4, 1 q. 31.2-5.
Glorioso, —, —, 2-10, 2-47, 3-21, 3-54; 1 q. 33.
Valentini, 41.2-5, 1-20.3-5, 2-00, 2-38.1-5, 3-15.4-5, 3-48.2-5; 1 q. 32.2-5.
Mr. Bratten N. O., 35, 1-07.2-5, 1-40, 2-16.1-5.
John Peel's Derby grey, 38.1-5, 1-12.2-5, 1-47, 2-22, 2-55.2-5, 3-31.2-5; 1 q. 36.
Fickle Bird, 38.1-5, 1-12.2-5, 1-47, 2-22, 2-55.2-5, 3-31.2-5; 1 q. 36.
Triff, —, —, —, 37.2-5, 1-13.3-5, 1-43.2-5; Full Time 3:35.1 q. 29.4-5.
Maluratta Chief, 30, 1-17, 1-53, 2-25; 1 q. 32.
Mr. Humphrey's roan, —, 38, 1-13.3-5, 1-47.3-5, 2-20.2-5; 1 q. 52.4-5.
Bajoloni, 41, 1-22.3-5, 2-02.4-5, 2-41.3-5, 3-10; 3-52.2-5; 4-22.3-5; 1 q. 30.1-5.
Sir Paul's Grey griffin, 34.2-5, 1-11, 1-45, 2-16.3-5; 1 q. 31.3-5.
Sir Paul's piebald griffin, 34.2-5, 1-11, 1-45, 2-16.3-5; 1 q. 31.3-5.
Fijian Chief, 40.2-5, 1-19.4-5, 1-50.1-5, 2-28.2-5; 1 q. 32.
Triumphs, —, —, —, —, 3-50; 1 q. 35.
Violini, 30.4-5, 1-12.2-5, 1-40, 1-5, 2-18.3-5; 1 q. 32.2-5.
Flying Kangaroo, —, —, 35.2-5, 1-12.2-5.
John Peel's brown, —, —, 35.2-5, 1-12.2-5.
John Peel's skewbald, —, —, 35.2-5, 1-12.2-5.
Rosario, —, 31.2-5, 1-09.1-5, 1-13.1-5.
Mr. Jupp's grey, —, 38.2-5, 1-15, 1-48.2-5; 1 q. 33.2-5.

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Mr. Kadorie's dark bay sub, 42, 1-22, 2-01, 2-38.3-10.1 q. 32.

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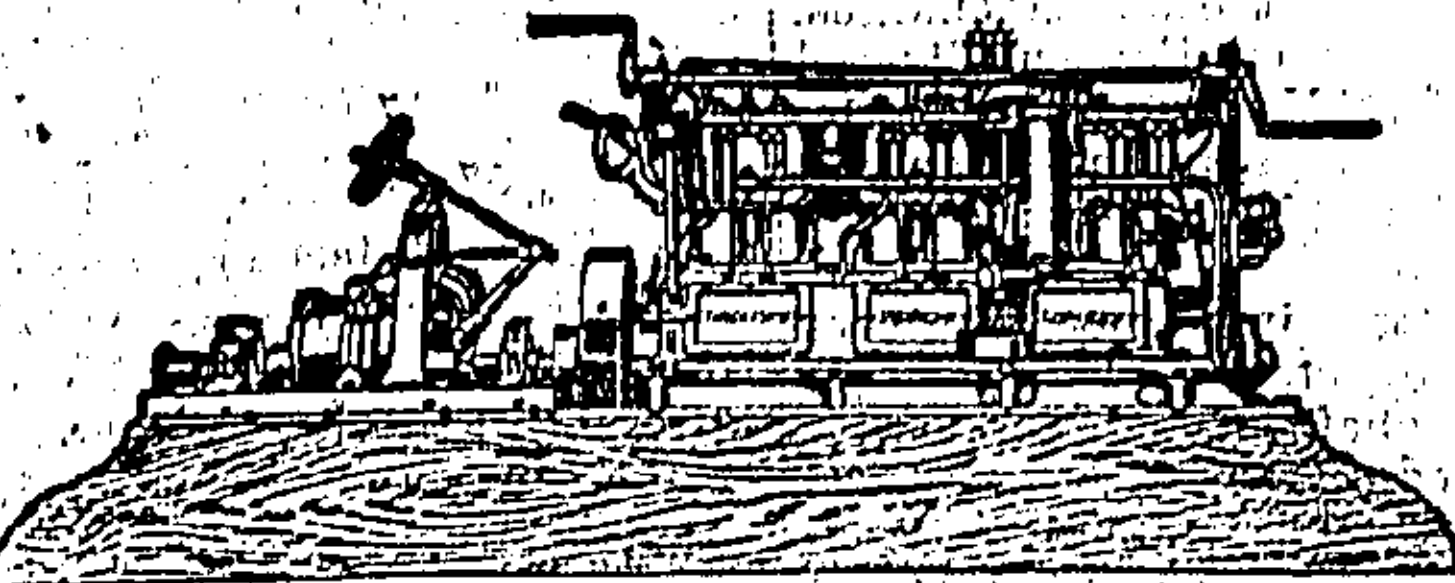
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Marseilles, H'burg & Antwerp &c.	Suevia	H. A. L.	23 Feb.

NEW YORK SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

Vancouver via S'hai, Japan etc.	Monteagle	C. P. R.	15 Jan.
Boston & New York via Ports and Suez Canal	Shirley	A. K. Co.	17 Jan.
San Francisco	Indrasamba	J. M. Co.	17 Jan.
Vancouver Seattle and/or Tacoma & P'land Or.	Belgravia	H. A. L.	16 Jan.
Vancouver via S'hai, Japan etc.	E. of India	C. P. R.	15 Jan.
San Francisco via S'hai & Japan &c.	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	17 Jan.
Victoria, B.C., T'm via Japan &c.	Chicago M.	O. S. K.	22 Jan.
Victoria, V'ce, S'ile, T'm & P'land	Saxonia	H. A. L.	2 Feb.
Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, Tacoma & Portland	Cardigan	J. M. Co.	5 Feb.
N'ies, G'oa, A's, G'tar, S'ton	Luetzow	M. & Co.	21 Jan.
Boston and New York	Kafue	B. L.	23 Jan.
San F'co via Manila & Japan &c.	Persia	P. M. Co.	7 Feb.
Boston and New York	E. Castle	D. & Co.	5 Feb.
San F'co via S'hai & Japan &c.	Tonyo M.	T. K. K.	17 Jan.

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Manila | P. Sigismund | M. & Co. | 24 Jan.

Australian Ports via Manila | Aldenham | G. L. Co. | 30 Jan.

SINGAPORE COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Fultala	J.M. Co.	Q. desp.
Japan	Tijlraem	J.C.J.L.	Q. 7 sep.
Shanghai	Tijkini	J.C.J.L.	Q. desp.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tijpamas	J.C.J.L.	Q. desp.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tijmah	J.C.J.L.	Q. desp.
Shanghai	Tijlwing	J.C.J.L.	Q. desp.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tijlraem	J.C.J.L.	Q. desp.
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Voerwaerts	S.W.	31, Jan.
Kobe & Yokohama	Iyo W.	N. Y. K.	15, Jan.
Shanghai	Luchoy	B. & S.	15, Jan.
Shanghai	Devanha	P. & O.	15, Jan.
Shanghai	Bohemia	S. W. Co.	1, Feb.
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo & Cebu	Zafiro	S. T. Co.	22, Jan.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Yatsing	J. M. Co.	20, Jan.
Mexican, Peruvian and Chile			
Ports via Japan			
Kobe	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	3, Feb.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama	P. Waldemar	M. & Co.	3, Feb.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Sauuki M.	N. Y. K.	16, Jan.
Shanghai, Y'hama, Kobe & Moji	Torilla	D. S. Co.	28, Jan.
Manila	Yaddo	A. N. Co.	17, of Mar.
Bombay via S'pore & Colombo	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	17, Jan.
Bandakan	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	21, Jan.
Shanghai via Foochow	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	19, Jan.
Shanghai	Lokaang	J. M. Co.	15, Jan.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'hama	Anhui	B. & S.	22, Jan.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama	Geoben	M. & Co.	22, Jan.
Samsut via S'wajow & Amoy	Nore	P. & O.	24, Jan.
Yokohama and Kobe	Daigi Maru	O. S. K.	18, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Euryalus	J. M. Co.	17, Jan.
Shanghai & Tientsin	Kutsang	J. M. Co.	15, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe & Y'hama	Chenan	B. & S.	26, Jan.
S'pang, Takao via S'tow & Amoy	Magellan	M. M.	26, Jan.
S'watow, & Amoy	Soshu M.	O. S. K.	21, Jan.
S'watow, Amoy and Foochow	Haimun	D. L. Co.	17, Jan.
S'watow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	D. L. Co.	20, Jan.
Bombay via S'pore Port S'ham, Penang & Colombo	Hai sang	D. L. Co.	23, Jan.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Saigon M.	O. S. K.	20, Jan.
S'pore, P'ang, P'agoon & Ccutta	Qnsang	N. Y. Co.	20, Jan.
	Kanagawa M.	J. M. Co.	24, Jan.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1914.

SHORT STORY.

THE THREE KNOCKS.

BY EDITH MACVANE.

"Hello! Mademoiselle Gordon?"

"Here!"

"This is de Chatellerault who speaks. Tell me, mademoiselle, do you turn sick at the sight of blood?"

"What!"

"Blood—in quantities, I mean. Does it make you faint?"

"No!"

"Good! Then meet me at half past twelve at the restaurant of the Quai d'Orsay. I'll give you luncheon, if you'll accept it, and an explanation."

Three quarters of an hour later, Fanny Gordon, chic and charming in her new summer suit of corbeau satin, entered the smoky dining-room of the great station—as unobserved a place for a rendez-vous, perhaps, as exists in Paris. Raoul de Chatellerault hurried to meet her.

"Mademoiselle! I thank you. Here—this corner table. Give me your parasol. Here—let me help you to cavare. And now—mademoiselle, we want your help!"

"What?"

"The Secret Service. In the affair of the Queen of Swabia's pearl, my chief was immensely impressed with your wit and courage. Your name was mentioned in his official report. And now, mademoiselle, the Chief of Police sends me to ask your services in this mysterious affair of the Vaucuire murder."

Fanny started as he named this celebrated case which had since yesterday morning rung through Paris. The Vicomte went on quickly:

"A fine old boy, the Duc de Vaucuire, who at sixty-three preserved the life and spirit of twenty! Nevertheless, like many others of the ancient nobility of France, his traditions were all of the past. *Mon roi* was his religion. From his beautiful old palace in the Faubourg Saint-Germain all modern life was excluded—newspapers, books, even electric light, because electricity is supplied by the republican city government. It is even said that in the year '70, when the Republic was proclaimed, he imitated the example of a certain famous ancestor of his in the Hundred Years' War—sold all the family domains and securities, and stored away the gold, lifeless millions in gold coin in some secret corner, rather than permit the government that he detested to profit by any of his investments. As he wished his line to die out, he never married. And when, this past month, the mysterious knockings began in his house, he refused to call in the police of the detested Republic—But, instead, he invited all his friends to a great fancy-dress ball to help him defy the ghostly death sign of his race. I myself, mademoiselle, was present at that ball, only night before last; and I heard with my own ears, those three mysterious knocks!"

He paused a moment: then leaning across the little table:

"Mademoiselle," he asked abruptly, "are you one of those who believe the boundaries of another world sometimes overlap and overlap those of ours—so that we see what mortal eyes are not meant to see and hear what mortal ears are not meant to hear?"

His voice had sunk very low. The restaurant, lit only by what light came through the huge glass roof of the station, was half in shadow, and the acid smoke of the arriving and departing trains filled the air. Fanny shivered.

"It all depends on whether you ask me that question at noon-day, in a crowded place like this, or if you come to me at midnight, in the silence—"

"It was at midnight that I heard them, mademoiselle—those three knocks which since a thousand years have been accepted in the Vaucuire family as the hand of the Great Intruder himself, knocking for admittance to their house—and which they say have invariably been followed by catastrophe. Twelve years ago, before the Duke's sister died—again in the year '60, before the sudden death of his father—those three mysterious knocks heralded the event. So in this past month, when again they began to sound through the partly closed up palace night after night, sometimes loud, sometimes soft, but recurring often more than a dozen times in a night—"

"And you heard it, Vicomte?"

"The night of the ball, when we had all gone downstairs to supper. The picture gallery, where we had danced, was empty. I had gone back to fetch my partner's fan, so I can vouch for that fact! We sat at supper. The atmosphere was tense—we all knew why we had been invited. We talked and laughed and ate—and listened! Suddenly we heard it. From the deserted ball-room above us, the sound of a strong hand knocking, imperatively and slow—once! twice! thrice! Mademoiselle, laugh at me if you will; but I hear them, still—those three knocks!"

Angrily Fanny Gordon flung off the influence that his words produced upon her.

"Yes," she cried; "and you were all so taken up with your own wonderful sensations of artistic horror that I suppose no one had the time to go and hunt in the picture gallery!"

"You wrong us, mademoiselle! As a matter of fact, the echo of the last knock had hardly died away before some of us were already in the deserted picture gallery—the English nephew of the host, Sir Ryley, I myself, one or two others that were young and ran upstairs fleetly. We found nothing! The endless rooms of the palace were empty. The gardens—empty. The concierge at the gate had opened to no one."

"*Mon Dieu!* How I hated to leave him, dear old Vaucuire! But he held his head high. He even insisted on sending his nephew to the Ritz to sleep that night, because he said the poor boy was worn out with lack of sleep, from the recurrence of the mysterious sign for the past few weeks. So we left him alone—alone with the servants and his other nephew, the Abbe Fornarini. And the next morning the Duc de Vaucuire was found dead in his bed, behind doors that were bolted from the inside and windows that were barred, with not a chink or a crack by which the assassin could have entered or escaped—alone there in his bed, hacked to death with a knife!"

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The taxicab stopped before an immense pile of gray stone, square-roofed in the Renaissance style, and surrounded by a ten-foot wall garnished with iron spikes. A silent concierge admitted them through a great stone gate surmounted with armorial bearings in faded gold.

In a vast library where the light filtered through stained glass, the visitors were received by Sir Geoffrey Ryley, the young English nephew of the dead Duke. Though his handsome face still bore traces of a recent horror, he greeted them with cordiality.

"Upon my word, de Chatellerault, this is good of you!" he exclaimed earnestly. "And Miss Gordon, too! Miss Gordon, I've heard from de Chatellerault, here, you're the keenest in Paris; so I wouldn't rest till he called you in. These Parisian police Johnnies—you know what they are! Take an idea into their heads, pull facts this way and that to suit their theory till they have the crime 'reconstructed'—then cop their man, with their dashed reconstruction as proof! And I say, Vicomte, who do you suppose the beggars are a terror now?"

"This morning, when I saw the Chief," returned Raoul, "he told me they had not yet—"

"Oh, but now they have! And who do you suppose? The Abbe Fornarini! You know him, of course—he's lived here with my poor uncle for the past ten years. A sort of nephew on the other side of the house. The most decent sort of chap, Miss Gordon! But just because he's a Jesuit, these dashed republicans are after him as keen as mustard. You see, he was missionary to the Assawabias, on the West Coast, for years after he left Rome; and he's got rather a jolly collection of native weapons and that sort of thing. And now, by Jove, these dashed beggars are claiming it came from the Abbe Fornarini's collection; the knife with which my poor Uncle Vaucuire was—"

He broke off, and, crossing to a side table, poured himself a stiff drink of whisky.

"Have some, Vicomte? No? Excuse me, Miss Gordon, but I'm a bit on the ragged edge, with all these horrors piling up one on top of the other. And I was frightfully fond of my Uncle Vaucuire—by George, I was fond of him—"

"Pardon me, Sir Geoffrey. But you yourself—have you any information, any theories?"

The other shook his head in dreamy bewilderment. "Me? What theories could I have? I only know the padre didn't do it, poor old scout! And, by Jove, I'll tell you one thing—I'm glad now, for the first time in my life, that I'm not my uncle's heir. You know he has willed everything to the King of Spain? And certainly they can't say Alfonso did it. I say, I'm dashed glad, too, I didn't sleep here that night myself, or it's a sprintin' chance these beggars 'd be spinnin' their dashed 'reconstruction' about me!"

"Ah, yes—your uncle insisted on your going to the Ritz to sleep that night. Why?"

"Because he knew I hadn't had a decent night's sleep for a fortnight, by Jove! With all those infernal spirit rappings and warnin's, and what not! So, to please him, I went. And next mornin', when my man came with my things, he told me that my poor uncle—"

He shuddered, passed a shaking hand over his face, and reached out again for the whisky.

"Those mysterious knocks," said Fanny Gordon thoughtfully, "they were last heard—"

"In the picture gallery, as I told you!" interposed Raoul de

Chatellerault. "At first, the Duke himself told me, they were heard in various parts of the palace. As you see, it is immense, with many parts closed up. Lately, however, they seemed always to come from the picture gallery—on the last night, that of the ball, certainly so."

Five minutes later, Fanny and her guide, having mounted the wide stairway, came to a pause before an open doorway, watched by a silent policeman.

In marked contrast to the rest of the house, darkened in token of mourning, this room was brilliantly alight in the afternoon sunlight, streaming in through the two wide-open windows. By one of the windows stood a uniformed official, writing in a little book. Fanny's eyes were however, held by the chief article of the room's furnishing: a huge, old-fashioned bed with beautifully gilded woodwork and a high, tent-like canopy and curtains of dark red silk. In the bright sunlight, she beheld the dark red tint hideously repeated in an immense stain like a pool, darkening the snowy surface of the embroidered sheets.

Deliberately she dragged away her eyes, and nodded in grave acknowledgment of her presentation to the Chief of the Secret Service.

That official bowed. His eyes showed that while as a man he approved, as a minister of the law he expected little from the vision of girlish prettiness before him.

"You are English, mademoiselle?"

"I am American, monsieur!"

"Hum! Ever handle a murder case before?"

Fanny assumed an air of extreme meekness. "No, monsieur! The Vicomte de Chatellerault will tell you I have only help—"

"Well, well! I may as well tell you, mademoiselle, the police believe that they have found an indication, which we are at present following up. However, we should be glad to have you take your own independent line—if your woman's intuition suggests you one!" His patronizing air said, plainer than speech: "Play about all you please, little girl!"

Fanny's dark eyes blazed, but she held them resolutely down.

"Monsieur, if you will be so good, I should like the facts!"

Addressing himself to the Vicomte rather than to the young American, the official began the brief narrative of the crime.

"On Thursday night, as you know, Monsieur le Vicomte, the Duc de Vaucuire received his friends at a fancy-dress ball. Dancing was continued till three o'clock. At half past three the Duke retired. I must explain that the Duc de Vaucuire was a gentleman of most methodical habits. Every night, after his valet had made him ready for bed, he was accustomed to dismiss the man, lock and bolt the door on the inside, and go immediately to sleep. In the morning, when he woke, he rang his bell. The valet was not allowed to wake him, but waited for this signal that his master was ready for his coffee. After ringing, the Duke invariably rose for an instant and unbolted his door, so that the man, arriving with the coffee-tray, could carry it in to his master's bed without a moment's delay. Monsieur le Vicomte—mademoiselle, here is the most baffling feature, perhaps, of this whole mysterious. On the morning of the murder—may, at the very instant, perhaps, of the murder—that bell was rung!"

"There is no possibility it was another bell that rang!"

"None whatever, Monsieur le Vicomte. For Philippe, the valet, had, it seems, this custom: toward eight o'clock in the morning he would seat himself in the corridor where the row of bells hang—old-fashioned bronze bells with wire-pulls, you understand; since the Duke's prejudices allowed no electricity in the house. With his eye on the bells, the valet could see the first quiver of No. 18, that of his master's bedroom. And on Friday morning, he swears that the bell swung and jingled with precisely its customary motion and tinkle. The usual morning ring, neither more nor less. So Philippe dashed to the kitchen—his master was always very angry if the coffee were cold, seized the silver tray from the cook, ran full speed up the stairs, tried the handle of the Duke's door, and for the first time in twenty-three years found it locked. He knocked. Then suddenly, to his horror, he seems to be a slow-witted fellow—he heard a low moaning sound within. At his knock, the cries became articulate. He recognized his master's voice: 'Help! Assassins! Help!' should you care to interview this fellow Philippe, Monsieur le Vicomte?"

"Later, later! What did he do then? Break down the door?"

"He tried it, and found it beyond his strength. He seems, in short, to have lost his head as did also the other servants. They describe the cries as heartrending. So, while half a dozen of them fumbled at the door—it is a massive one, as you see—the others ran out into the street and summoned the police—the police of the Republic, that poor Monsieur le Duc detested so! However, it was a policeman who finally managed to break down the door."

"Through the burst panels, the policeman entered first of all. He found the Duke already dead, transfixed by a huge knife that had been thrust into his body at the left thigh—thrust in with such violence that it had completely severed the femoral artery and buried its point for two centimeters in the bone. The superhuman violence of the blow, as well as the fact that it had been dealt from the side, renders the idea of suicide physically impossible, even had we been tempted to entertain it. Yet the doors were bolted. The window, impossibly high from the ground, was barred. The room was empty. The murdered man was alone!"

"The witnesses?" asked the Vicomte quickly.

"The Duke's servants. Also the young policeman, Andre Chabanne, who himself stood guard at the broken-down door till I arrived. Together we made a scientific search of the room, which yesterday afternoon was completed by two of my experts. No sliding panel or any other, dissimulated entrance exists. The walls, ceiling, and floor are as solid as a fortress. That the assassin, having done his foul work, should have escaped before that door was battered down is a physical impossibility. The concierge at the gate saw no one pass. Yet, by what superhuman means we have yet to divine, the murderer did escape!"

Fanny Gordon spoke: "Monsieur, you have twice used a certain word: *superhuman*. Do you mean—"

"Mademoiselle, I beg you, do not offer the famous knockings as a club! We are not here to arrest the family ghost!—that fragment of an overwrought imagination, of an exaggerated pride of race. The supernatural? Bah!"

"Monsieur, not supernatural. I used your own word—*superhuman*! The prodigious plence of the death-blow, the incomprehensible means of the assassin's escape—do you mean, then, to hint that the knife was perhaps driven home by another agency than that of a human hand?"

"By the hand of a gorilla, perhaps, as in a certain famous romance? Mademoiselle, abandon these fancies. It is a human murderer that we seek; neither wild beast nor ghost. Indeed, I may say that already, in our reconstruction of the crime, we have admitted the idea of a certain person."

"And the motive of the crime—that is included in your reconstruction?"

"The motive—we have already established at least that it was deeper than mere robbery! The wardrobe and escritoire before you, where the Duke was accustomed to keep not only a large sum of money but also certain valuable family jewels, have been found to contain all their treasures intact. The desire to profit by his death may also be excluded, as it appears that the Duke, a fanatical Royalist as you know, has left all his property by will to the last reigning Bourbon, King Alfonso of Spain. There remain the motives of revenge, of homicidal mania—"

"But the treasure?" asked Fanny slowly—"the gold of tradition, hidden by the Duke's ancestor at the time of the Hundred Years' War—to say nothing of the mass of wealth in cash added by the Duke himself, you said, Vicomte, when he sold his estates on the proclamation of the Republic? Did I not understand, it is all secreted somewhere in this ancient house?"

"Possibly! Though this family treasure, after all, exists perhaps nowhere but in tradition. But, in any case, nowhere in the Duke's room or in the whole house was there the slightest sign of a rifled hiding-place. Besides, remember this: the mere escape of our criminal unnumbered amounts; in this case, to a miracle! How much more impossible, then, the idea of his flight, whether at the moment of the crime or later weighed down by the bulk and immense weight of a treasure in gold coin!"

Fanny walked up and down the room. "You have made a thorough search of the palace?"

"Surely, mademoiselle! The rooms, a hundred and two in all, have been thoroughly examined—even the luggage and persons of their inmates."

"Those inmates—in what did it consist, the household of the Duke?"

"A bachelor establishment—the Abbe Fornarini, his kinsman; the young English lord, his nephew; twenty-eight servants, including the concierge and stableman, who sleep outside; six maid-servants, the housekeeper, and the butler—"

"And, besides the valet Philippe, there were other servants that had admission to the Duke's bedroom?"

"The chambermaid, Armande Lainois, who took care of the room."

"Ah! And may one examine these two servants?"

"The valet Philippe Duval, yes. As to the woman, it appears that she was impertinent to the housekeeper on the night of the ball, received her eight days' notice, and disappeared immediately. She is being searched for; in a few days we hope to lay our hands on her."

"Ah!"

Fanny paused. Then, in a changed voice and with a slight gesture toward the bed:

"And, Monsieur, he—?"

"The Duc de Vaucuire, mademoiselle, lies downstairs in the chapel of the palace."

"You have, of course, before removing the body, taken the usual measurements and diagrams?" asked de Chatellerault.

"Traced here upon the sheet in black crayon you will find the exact outline of the body as it was discovered on the breaking down of the door. The large black cross, made afterward, indicates the exact position of the wound. Here are also the photographs, made from nine different views. As you see, the wound is in the left thigh, between the hip and the knee—a part, of course,

not usually considered vital, but rendered so by the piercing of the great femoral artery, which emptied the blood-vessels of the body before the door could be broken open and aid supplied."

Fanny's eyes lit up as she took the photographs offered her. In silence she bent over them.

"Singular," she murmured. "The wound is at the side of the leg, passing out toward the back."

"As I told you, mademoiselle! A fact which we explain by the position of Monsieur le Duc. As you see by this photograph, he lay half rolled over on the mattress, with extended arm—presumably to grasp the ball-ropes for the summons which brought the servant Philippe upstairs—too late."

"Then you take it for granted, monsieur," returned Fanny thoughtfully, "that it was the hand of the Duke himself that rang the bell?—that singular summons, neither violent, as if he had already perceived the horrible vision of the assassin—nor feeble, as if the death-blow had already fallen!"

"Mademoiselle, there were two persons in this room. It is perfectly obvious that the murderer rang no summons to the household at the very instant of his crime. Ergo—that bell was rung by Monsieur de Duc himself!"

"Two persons in the room—" murmured Fanny dreamily. "You say two persons in the room."

And the impatient official, following the direction of her bright, dark eyes, saw them travel from the large red silk tassel which lay upon the pillow, up the heavy red silk cord of the bell-pull to the brass triangle which by the old-fashioned system, connected it with the wire beyond. So long she stood motionless, with her eyes fixed upon that commonplace instrument, that the chief became slightly ironic.

(To be Continued Next Saturday.)

THE CONDITION OF ALBANIA.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Messaggero* (Rome) sends to his newspaper an interesting account of the present condition of Albania, furnished to him by a German publicist who has lately made a long journey through that country. "There are in Albania at present," said the German traveller, "five Governments—the Provisional Government of Valona, the Cabinet of Essad Pasha at Durazzo, the two autonomous Governments of Elbasan and Alessio, and the International Government of Scutari. The most dispiriting characteristic of Albania is the absolute lack of roads and of decent houses. There does not exist in any Albanian city a house suitable for the abode of the Prince of Wied and his family. Elbasan the proposed capital, can only be reached on horseback. Consequently," he said, "I have heard it said that Austria and Italy will place at the disposition of the Prince and his family two men-of-war to serve as a provisional residence until a suitable palace can be erected. Commercial competition between Austria and Italy in Albania is becoming very lively. It seems, moreover, that Austria has no intention of renouncing formally her protectorate over the Albanian Catholics. The Austrian Consulate at Scutari is constantly full of friars and nuns. At Scutari a hard if silent struggle between Roman Catholics and Mussulmans is going on, and among the Roman Catholics there is a tendency, fomented by the Jesuits, hostile to the future Protestant Sovereign. At Scutari there are 8,000 Malissori, fugitives from the new Servian territory, and supported at the expense of Austria and Italy. They strut about with their Mannlicher and Mauser rifles, smoking, eating, and drinking, and refuse to work."

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Banks.								
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp'n	120,000	\$125	all	\$835	\$790	\$797 1/2	\$795	{ \$797 1/2 } { \$2 at ex 1/11 1/2 equal to \$20.30 for 1/2 year ending 30/6/13 }
Marine Insurances.								
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$349	\$270	\$323	\$322 1/2	\$18 for 1912
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$215	\$5	T. 137 1/2	T. 131	T. 133	T. 133	Final for 10 p.c. making 20 p.c. for 1912.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	12,400	\$350	\$100	\$845	\$784	\$805	\$800	Final of \$30 making \$50 for 1911 and Interim of \$30 for 1912.
Yangtze Ins. Ass'n. Co., Ltd.	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$200	\$185	\$192 1/2	\$192 1/2	Final of \$12 mak. \$15 for 1911 & Int. of \$3 for 1912.
Fire Insurances.								
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$16 1/2	\$146	\$160 1/2	\$160 1/2	Final of \$12 mak. \$15 for 1911 & Int. of \$3 for 1912.
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$385	\$354	\$380	\$380	Final of \$12 mak. \$15 for 1911 & Int. of \$3 for 1912.
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Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	\$42	\$30	\$29	\$29	Int. of 1/6 mak. 6/6 a/c. 191, 1/2 for 1909.
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$29 1/2	\$27	\$29 1/2	\$29 1/2	Final of 4/- making 6/- for year ending 31/12/12.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$5	all	\$99	\$75	\$80	\$79	Int. of 1/4 a/c. 1913.
Shanghai S.S. & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,500,000	\$1	all	118/-	98/6	97/6	97/-	Final of 10,000 shares 1st issue \$1 on 10,000 shares 2nd issue \$1 on 10,000 shares 3rd issue for year ending 30/6/13.
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$11	all	\$58	\$32 1/2	\$46	\$46	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Refineries.								
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	all	\$112	\$92 1/2	\$95	\$94 1/2	Int. of 3 1/2 p.c. 8 2/5d per share. Coupon No. 1 account year 30/6/12.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	all	\$40	\$30	\$51	\$31	Int. of 1/6 mak. 6/6 a/c. 191, 1/2 for 1909.
Mining.								
Kailan Mining Adm'n.	1,000,000	\$	all	37/-	30/-	37/6	39/-	Final of 10,000 shares 1st issue \$1 on 10,000 shares 2nd issue \$1 on 10,000 shares 3rd issue for year ending 30/6/13.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$4 1/2	\$3	\$3.10	\$3.10	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Tronoh Mines Ltd.	160,000	\$1	all	\$6/-	38/-	35/-	34/-	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.								
Hongkong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$99	\$74	\$88 1/2	\$88	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
H'kong & W'pon D. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$90	\$56	\$75	\$75	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	50,700	T. 100	all	T. 72	T. 51	\$57 1/2	\$55 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Shai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	98,000	T. 100	all	T. 113 1/2	T. 103	\$109	\$109	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.								
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd. (Old).	12,000	\$50	all	\$125	\$112	\$122 1/2	\$118	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Do (New).	8,000	\$5	all	\$92	\$73	\$92	\$91	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
H'kong Land Investment Co.	50,000	\$100	all	\$118	\$101	\$115	\$114	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$9 1/2	\$8	\$9 1/2	\$9 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$46	\$33	\$45 1/2	\$45	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	2,500	\$500	all	\$74 1/2	\$54 1/2	\$67 1/2	\$67 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Cotton Mills.								
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	T. 50	all	T. 148 1/2	T. 120	T. 133	T. 132 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Hongkong Cotton Co.	125,000	\$10	all	\$10 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$8	\$8	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Kung Yik.	50,000	\$10	all	\$10 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$8	\$8	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Laou Kung Mow.	1,000,000	\$10	all	\$10 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$8	\$8	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Shanghai Cottons.	100,000	\$10	all	\$10 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$8	\$8	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Miscellaneous.								
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$12	all	\$1 1/2	\$9	\$10 1/2	\$10 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	\$5	\$2.80	\$4 1/2	\$4 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$5	\$2.80	\$4 1/2	\$4 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$6	\$8 1/2	\$9	\$9	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	\$10	all	\$29	\$21 1/2	\$29 1/2	\$30	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	90,000	\$10	all	\$7.80	\$6.10	\$6.60	\$6 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.	5,000	\$25	all	\$49	\$26	\$49	\$48 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Hongkong Rops Mfg. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$200	\$15 1/2	\$187	\$187	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	\$5	all	\$25 1/2	\$19	\$22 1/2	\$22 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Langkats.	250,000	\$10	all	\$9/6	\$4/9	7/6	7/6	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	25,000	\$10	all	T. 75	T. 19	T. 33	T. 31	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Do (New)	50,000	\$10	all	\$11 1/2	\$9	\$10 1/2	\$10 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	all	\$10.00	90 cts.	93 cts.	93 cts.	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all	\$5.00	\$3.50	\$4 1/2	\$4 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.	90,000	\$10	all	\$18 1/2	\$13 1/2	\$17 1/2	\$17 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
William Powell, Limited.	15,000	\$7	all	\$8 1/2	\$6 1/2	\$8	\$8	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.
S. O. Morning Post	6,000	\$	all	\$11	\$9	\$9 1/2	\$9 1/2	Int. of 5 p.c. for half year ending 30/6/13 \$2 for 1 year ending 30/6/13.

Corrected to 12.30 p.m. January 17, 1914
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WRIGHT AND HORNBY Share and General brokers

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WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby's share report, dated January 17, states:—
There has been more activity in our local market during the week, closing with a firmer tendency.
Bar Silver is quoted 26 1/2 per oz. ready and 26 5/16 per oz. for forward delivery, market dull.
Para Rubber is quoted from London at 3 1/4 per lb. and the market for shares steady.
Exchange on London opened to-day at 1/10.15-16 T.T.
Banks:—Business has been done in Hongkong and Shanghai Banks at \$795 and \$797 1/2, closing with buyers at the former and sellers at the latter rate. London quotes £80/10.
Marine Insurances:—Unions changed hands at \$800 and \$805 and there are further buyers at \$805, sellers asking \$810. Cantons are on offer at \$322 1/2. North Chinas are wanted at Tls. 133. Yangtzes are unchanged at \$192 1/2 ex 73.
Fire Insurances:—There have been sales of China Fires at \$100 and more shares are offered. Hongkong Fires are firm at \$380 buyers. Shipping:—There have been sales of Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats at \$29 1/2. Douglases are wanted at \$29. Star Ferries are firm with buyers at \$45. Indo-Chinas have sellers at \$79. Shell Transports are firmer London quoting 98/- middle price. Sales are reported at 97/-6.
Docks, Wharves & Godowns:—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been booked at \$74 1/2 and \$75 and equivalent rates forward closing with buyers at \$75. cash. Kowloon Wharves were sold at \$88 and \$88 1/2 and close with buyers at \$88. Shanghai Docks are easier with sellers at Tls. 67 Hongkong Wharves are Tls. 109 buyers.
Lands, Hotels and Buildings:—Hongkong Lands have been sold at \$114 and \$114 and close with buyers at \$114 and sellers at \$115. There have been sales of Humphreys Estates at \$9.10 and there are sellers at \$9.1. Kowloon Lands are firmer with buyers at \$45 1/2. West Points were done at \$67 and \$67 1/2 and close with buyers at the latter rate. Hongkong Hotels (old) have buyers at \$120 after sales and the new have been done at \$92 and close with further buyers. Shanghai Lands are quoted Tls. 92.
Refineries:—China Sugars are on offer at \$94. Luzons are neglected at \$30.
Mining:—Ranhs continue steady at \$3.10 buyers. Tronohs are quoted from London 35/- sellers. Langkats after advancing to Tls. 33 sales cash in Shanghai early in the week dropped to Tls. 31 buyers. A fair amount of business has been done cash and forward. Kailans are quoted 37/6 middle price.
Cotton Mills:—There have been sales of Hongkong Cottons at \$7 1/2 and \$8 closing with buyers at \$8. Ewos are sellers at Tls. 133. Shanghai Cottons are offering at Tls. 123. Lau Kung Mows are wanted at Tls. 103 1/2 and Kung Yiks have buyers at 12 1/2.
Miscellaneous:—There are buyers of China Borneos at \$10 1/2, Dairy Farms at \$30, Green Island Cements at \$8 1/2 after sales. Icos are \$187. Ropes at \$22 1/2. Union Waterboats at \$17 1/2 after sales at \$17 and 17 1/2, and South China Morning Posts at \$20 after sales. There are sellers of China Provident at \$9, after sales, Hongkong Electrics at \$48 1/2, Peak Trams old at \$10 1/2 after sales, China Light and Powers at \$4 1/2, Steam Locomotives at \$4 1/2, Watsons at \$8, Wm. Powells at \$8 and Low Level Trams at 7/6.
Quotations received from London by cable to-day:—
Banks \$80/10 Middle price.
Indos 8/-
Shells 98/0 Sellers.
Tronohs 35/-

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R. TIMMERSCHIEDT,

Manager.

Hongkong, 9th Oct. 1911. [2]

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Subscribed " 1,125,000

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Public Companies

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, will be held at the premises of that Company, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 28th day of January, 1914 at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon when the subjoined Resolution (which was proposed at and submitted to the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th October, 1913 and which was passed at the Poll taken as directed at such Meeting on the 10th day of January, 1914) will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—

"That the following new Articles be inserted in the Company's Articles of Association after Article 10 thereof:—

"10a. The Company shall pay a dividend in respect of any existing or new shares of the Company, in proportion to the amount paid up on each share where a larger amount is paid up on some shares than on others."

Dated this 12th day of January, 1914.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. H. TAGGART,
Acting Secretary.
HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

HONGKONG, CANTON and MACAO STEAMBOAT Co., Ltd.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE NINETEENTH YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1914, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th January to the 10th February, 1914, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary
Hongkong, 13th Jan., 1914.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited on WEDNESDAY the 28th January, 1914 at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1913.

The Register of SHARES will be closed from TUESDAY 20th to WEDNESDAY 28th January 1914 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE
Secretary.

Public Companies

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited on WEDNESDAY the 28th January, 1914, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1913.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY 20th to WEDNESDAY 28th January, 1914 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited on WEDNESDAY the 28th January 1914 at noon 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1913.

The Register of SHARES of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY 20th to WEDNESDAY 28th January 1914 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
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POST OFFICE.

The Public are informed that owing to delay in arrival at Paris some of the bags comprising the mail from London dated 24th ult. for the German Packet via Naples missed the steamer and the French Post Office has been requested to send them to Brindisi for transshipment via Bombay and Negapatam.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Dec. 27. Due Shanghai Jan. 10. Jan. 13.

MAILS CLOSING TO-DAY.

Ningpo, Shanghai & North China—Per YUEN, 17th inst., 3 p.m.
Shanghai & North China—Per AN, 17th inst., 3 p.m.
Yokohama—Per EURYALUS, 17th inst., 3 p.m.

Siberian Mail. Shanghai, North China, Tientsin, Europe via Siberia—Per KANCHOW, 17th Jan., 5 p.m.

San Juan—Per HINSANG, 17th inst., 5 p.m.
Shanghai & North China—Per WING SANG, 17th inst., 5 p.m.
Japan via Mol—Per ALDENHAM, 17th Jan., 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India via Bombay—Per KOEBER, 17th Jan., 7 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow Amoy and Formosa via Tamsui—Per DAIGI MARU, 18th 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 19th Jan.

Haiphong, Pakhoi & Saigon—Per KAIFONG, 19th Jan., 11 a.m.
Formosa via Takao—Per CHOSEN MARU, 19th inst., 3 p.m.
Swatow & Shanghai—Per CHOYSANG, 19th Jan., 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 20th Jan.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa—Per HAI-CHING, 20th inst., 10 a.m.
Straits & India via Calcutta—Per YANANG, 20th inst., 11 a.m.

Straits—Per TETAN, 20th inst., 11 a.m.
Philippine Islands—Per SUNGKIANG, 20th inst., 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per LIANG-CHOW, 20th inst., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Amoy and Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 20th inst., 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 21st Jan.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Aden, India, Egypt and Europe via India—Per BUTZOW, 21st inst., 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 22nd Jan.

Japan via Mol Victoria and Amoy—Per CHICAGO, 22nd inst., 11 a.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per ANHUI, 22nd Jan., 3 p.m.
Philippine Islands—Per ZAFIRO, 22nd inst., 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, 23rd Jan.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa—Per HAI-YANG, 23rd inst., 10 a.m.
Straits and India via Calcutta—Per YATSHING, 23rd inst., 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 24th Jan.

Philippine Islands, Annapolis, Japan, Formosa, Australia, New Zealand, via Brisbane—Per P. SIGISMUND, 24th Jan., 8 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 24th Jan., 1 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Tientsin (Europe via Siberia)—Per CHENAN, 24th inst., 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 27th Jan.

Salon, Straits, Ceylon, Aden, India, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Late Letters 11 to Noon). Extra Postage 10 cents. Letters posted in the Pillar Boxes in Hong for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.—Per DUMBEA, 27th Jan., 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 28th Jan.

Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 28th Jan., 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 29th Jan.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, via Kusanagi, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver (Europe via Siberia)—Per EMPRESS OF INDIA, 29th inst., 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 4th Feb.

Jesselson, Kudat and Sandakan—Per BORNEO, 4th Feb., 8 a.m.

TIDE TABLE

12th Jan. to 18th Jan. 1914

Hour	High Water	Low Water	Hour	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 13	10 45	4 0	Mon. 13	10 45	4 0
Tues. 14	11 17	3 28	Tues. 14	11 17	3 28
Wed. 15	11 50	2 56	Wed. 15	11 50	2 56
Thurs. 16	12 22	2 24	Thurs. 16	12 22	2 24
Fri. 17	12 54	1 52	Fri. 17	12 54	1 52
Sat. 18	1 26	1 20	Sat. 18	1 26	1 20
Sun. 19	1 58	1 48	Sun. 19	1 58	1 48
Mon. 20	2 30	1 16	Mon. 20	2 30	1 16
Tues. 21	3 02	8 4	Tues. 21	3 02	8 4
Wed. 22	3 34	7 32	Wed. 22	3 34	7 32
Thurs. 23	4 06	6 20	Thurs. 23	4 06	6 20
Fri. 24	4 38	5 08	Fri. 24	4 38	5 08
Sat. 25	5 10	3 56	Sat. 25	5 10	3 56
Sun. 26	5 42	2 44	Sun. 26	5 42	2 44

a) morning, b) afternoon.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Aldenham, Br. s.s. 2,410, G. L. Smith, 16th inst.—Melbourne, 5th inst. Gen. G. L. & Co.

Albion, Ger. s.s. 1,001, Carles, 16th inst. Saigon, 11th inst. Rice—B. and S.

Euryalus, Br. s.s. 2,308, J. F. Dowling, 16th inst.—Singapore, 9th inst. Gen.—J. M. and Co.

Holbow, Br. s.s. 895, McCulloch, 16th inst. Manila, 16th inst. Gen.—B. and S.

Liangchow, Br. s.s. 1,320, Pickers, 16th inst.—16th inst. Gen.—B. & S.

Monzella, Am. s.s. 5,750, E. Rice, 17th inst.—San Francisco, 19th ult. Gen.—R. O. Morton.

Shirley, s.s. 2,089, G. S. Hopley, 17th inst.—Shanghai, 14th inst. Gen.—A. K. & Co.

Sosho Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,119, K. Tashud, 16th inst.—Swatow, 15th inst. Gen.—C. S. K.

Tibodas, Dut. s.s. 2,771, Kroes, 16th inst. Milko, 10th inst. Gen.—J. O. J. L.

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January 16.

Derwent for Saigon.
Koorber for Trieste.
Kulsang for Japan.
Sahine for Canton.
Foching for Shanghai.
Devanha for Shanghai.
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 16th at 11.40.—The northern depression is passing into the Pacific.

The anticyclone over China has strengthened slightly and spread seaward.

Pressure changes in the south are small.

Variable winds are indicated along the east coast of China and fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. E. winds, fresh, but.

2 Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

16th January, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Direction. Force.

W'atsook 7a 30.32 7 10 nno 1 c

Nemuro 6a 29.73 29.73 w w c

Hakodate 29.85 w w c

Tokio 29.89 w 1 0

Kobe 30.17 nno 2 0

Nagasaki 30.25 nno 2 0

Yokohama 30.27 nno 2 0

Osaka 30.32 w 2 0

Manila 30.34 no 1 0

Ishijima 30.33 no 1 0

Bonin Is. 30.32 no 1 0

Chiofo 30.41 26 89 wsw 2 b

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MANILA, YAP, MARION, SAMARAI, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	Prinz Sigismund Capt. A. Hurtzig	SATUR., 24th Jan. 9 a.m.
KOBE	Prinz Waldemar Capt. O. Jurany	About TUESDAY, 3rd Feb.
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